

Subject: Re: Fwd: Please Refund Venice BID tax - no services & double billed
From: Debbie Dyner Harris <debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org>
Date: 12/07/2017 02:58 PM
To: Tara Devine <tara@venicebeachbid.com>

Hi, Nicole Siskind says she has reached out about 3 times to the BID number but gotten no response. That is the second person who has told me that. I know you said your assistant keeps a log about calls and emails in and out, but that seems strange that they both said that.

After speaking with Nicole, and reading your response to her concerns, I think it would be extremely helpful to the BID members if the BID would send out an explanation of this issue and perhaps another update. The correspondence has been quite limited in terms of information, and I think she was legitimately concerned about these assessment issues.

Can you let me know if that would be possible? I know this is a busy time, but I think it would behoove the BID board as people get to the end of the year and assessment bills.

Thanks,
Debbie

On Sun, Dec 3, 2017 at 10:33 PM, Debbie Dyner Harris
<debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org> wrote:

thanks

On Sun, Dec 3, 2017 at 10:35 AM, Tara Devine <tara@venicebeachbid.com>
wrote:

The BID as adopted is a 5-year plan, and assessment funds collected (including 2017 funds) will be spent between now and 2021 on the services outlined in the plan.

Stakeholders received mailings in August and October outlining our process/progress and another will be going out in December when we have set a date for a January Board Meeting. If the Board can reach a consensus on clean and safe program awards at that meeting, we hope to launch services in late February. This will depend in part on contractor ramp up for hiring, training, equipment, etc.

In regards to the billing confusion, I must direct that question to the Clerk and/or Assessor as the BID is not involved. My understanding is that there is no double-billing, but there is some confusion due to the fact that the City manual-billed the first year assessment as a single payment, and the Assessor auto-bills subsequent years as two payments. I also believe the way the billing period is expressed on the respective bills causes confusion for some. Lastly, the BID operates on a calendar year (1/1-12/31), while City/County operate on a (7/1-6/30) fiscal year. I believe this may also be a factor in the confusion.

On Nov 30, 2017 11:08 PM, "Debbie Dyner Harris"
<debbie.dynerharris@lacity.org> wrote:

hi, fyi

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From: **Nicole Siskind** <contact@perloffwebster.com>
Date: Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 3:20 PM
Subject: Please Refund Venice BID tax - no services & double billed
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November 30, 2017

Mayor Eric Garcetti & City Council Members

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[200 N. Spring St.](#)

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Dear Mayor Garcetti,

We are writing in regards to the Venice Area Business Improvement District. As you may know, the Venice BID was voted in place in November 2016 for a Five (5) year term, 2017 through 2021.

The BID members have paid the supplemental BID Assessment for the service period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 (the BID

supplemental was due April 13, 2017) yet we have not received any services.

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To reiterate; we have paid for the entire year of 2017 and received nothing.

Additionally, our regular property tax bills are due which include the full amount of the Venice BID supplemental, declaring the service period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

This means we have been charged twice for 7/1/2017 through 12/31/2017, and have received nothing.

We request that the City immediately refund the amount already paid for 2017, and re-issue the property tax bill for the first half taxes.

Sincerely,

Jean-Marie Webster & Roger Webster

Nicole Siskind
Office Manager

Perloff/Webster

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